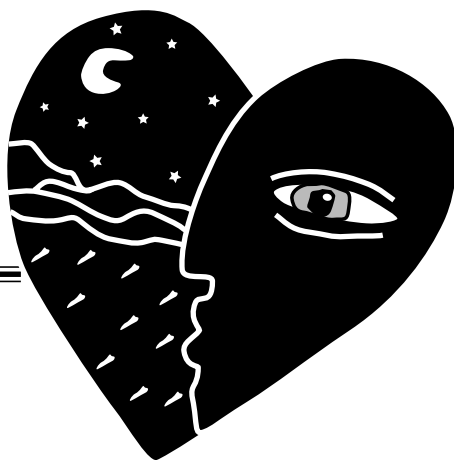


## Paranormal Romance

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### **Krentz, Jayne Ann**

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### **MacAlister, Katie**

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In *You Slay Me*, the first novel in MacAlister's light hearted series, regular girl Aisling Grey discovers she's an official guardian to the Gates of Hell. As if that weren't enough drama, Aisling also falls in love with Drake, a dragon whose human form is downright dashing. Books from this series are in the SciFi/Fantasy and Adult Fiction Romance Paperbacks section.

### **Thompson, Vicki Lewis**

#### ***Hex Series***

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